

# SECTION 5 PERFORMANCE

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## INTRODUCTION

Performance data charts on the following pages are presented so that you may know what to expect from the airplane under various conditions, and also, to facilitate the planning of flights in detail and with reasonable accuracy. The data in the charts has been computed from actual flight tests with the airplane and engine in good condition and using average piloting techniques.

It should be noted that the performance information presented in the range and endurance profile charts allows for 45 minutes reserve fuel based on 45% power. Fuel flow data for cruise is based on the recommended lean mixture setting. Some indeterminate variables such as mixture leaning technique, fuel metering characteristics, engine and propeller condition, and air turbulence may account for variations of 10% or more in range and endurance. Therefore, it is important to utilize all available information to estimate the fuel required for the particular flight.

## USE OF PERFORMANCE CHARTS

Performance data is presented in tabular or graphical form to illustrate the effect of different variables. Sufficiently detailed information is provided in the tables so that conservative values can be selected and used to determine the particular performance figure with reasonable accuracy.

## SAMPLE PROBLEM

The following sample flight problem utilizes information from the various charts to determine the predicted performance data for a typical flight. The following information is known:

### AIRPLANE CONFIGURATION

Takeoff weight	2250 Pounds
Usable fuel	40 Gallons

### TAKEOFF CONDITIONS

Field pressure altitude	1500 Feet
Temperature	28°C (16°C above standard)
Wind component along runway	12 Knot Headwind
Field length	3500 Feet

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CRUISE CONDITIONS

Total distance	460 Nautical Miles
Pressure altitude	5500 Feet
Temperature	20°C (16°C above standard)
Expected wind enroute	10 Knot Headwind

LANDING CONDITIONS

Field pressure altitude	2000 Feet
Temperature	25°C
Field length	3000 Feet

TAKEOFF

The takeoff distance chart, figure 5-4, should be consulted, keeping in mind that the distances shown are based on the short field technique. Conservative distances can be established by reading the chart at the next higher value of weight, altitude and temperature. For example, in this particular sample problem, the takeoff distance information presented for a weight of 2300 pounds, pressure altitude of 2000 feet and a temperature of 30°C should be used and results in the following:

Ground roll	1075 Feet
Total distance to clear a 50-foot obstacle	1915 Feet

These distances are well within the available takeoff field length. However, a correction for the effect of wind may be made based on Note 3 of the takeoff chart. The correction for a 12 knot headwind is:

$$\frac{12 \text{ Knots}}{9 \text{ Knots}} \times 10\% = 13\% \text{ Decrease}$$

This results in the following distances, corrected for wind:

Ground roll, zero wind	1075
Decrease in ground roll (1075 feet × 13%)	<u>140</u>
Corrected ground roll	935 Feet

Total distance to clear a 50-foot obstacle, zero wind	1915
Decrease in total distance (1915 feet × 13%)	<u>249</u>
Corrected total distance to clear a 50-foot obstacle	1666 Feet

## CRUISE

The cruising altitude should be selected based on a consideration of trip length, winds aloft, and the airplane's performance. A typical cruising altitude and the expected wind enroute have been given for this sample problem. However, the power setting selection for cruise must be determined based on several considerations. These include the cruise performance characteristics presented in figure 5-7, the range profile chart presented in figure 5-8, and the endurance profile chart presented in figure 5-9.

The relationship between power and range is illustrated by the range profile chart. Considerable fuel savings and longer range result when lower power settings are used.

The range profile chart indicates that use of 65% power at 5500 feet yields a predicted range of 523 nautical miles with no wind. The endurance profile chart, figure 5-9, shows a corresponding 4.7 hours.

The range figure of 523 nautical miles is corrected to account for the expected 10 knot headwind at 5500 feet.

Range, zero wind	523
Decrease in range due to wind (4.7 hours × 10 knot headwind)	<u>47</u>
Corrected range	476 Nautical Miles

This indicates that the trip can be made without a fuel stop using approximately 65% power.

The cruise performance chart, figure 5-7, is entered at 6000 feet altitude and 20°C above standard temperature. These values most nearly correspond to the planned altitude and expected temperature conditions. The engine speed chosen is 2500 RPM, which results in the following:

Power	64%
True airspeed	114 Knots
Cruise fuel flow	7.1 GPH

The power computer may be used to determine power and fuel consumption more accurately during the flight.

## FUEL REQUIRED

The total fuel requirement for the flight may be estimated using the

performance information in figure 5-6 and 5-7. For this sample problem, figure 5-6 shows that a climb from 2000 feet to 6000 feet requires 1.3 gallons of fuel. The corresponding distance during the climb is 9 nautical miles. These values are for a standard temperature and are sufficiently accurate for most flight planning purposes. However, a further correction for the effect of temperature may be made as noted on the climb chart. The approximate effect of a non-standard temperature is to increase the time, fuel, and distance by 10% for each 10°C above standard temperature, due to the lower rate of climb. In this case, assuming a temperature 16°C above standard, the correction would be:

$$\frac{16^{\circ}\text{C}}{10^{\circ}\text{C}} \times 10\% = 16\% \text{ Increase}$$

With this factor included, the fuel estimate would be calculated as follows:

Fuel to climb, standard temperature	1.3
Increase due to non-standard temperature (1.3 × 16%)	<u>0.2</u>
Corrected fuel to climb	1.5 Gallons

Using a similar procedure for the distance to climb results in 10 nautical miles.

The resultant cruise distance is:

Total distance	460
Climb distance	<u>-10</u>
Cruise distance	<u>450</u> Nautical Miles

With an expected 10 knot headwind, the ground speed for cruise is predicted to be:

$$\begin{array}{r} 114 \\ -10 \\ \hline 104 \text{ Knots} \end{array}$$

Therefore, the time required for the cruise portion of the trip is:

$$\frac{450 \text{ Nautical Miles}}{104 \text{ Knots}} = 4.3 \text{ Hours}$$

The fuel required for cruise is:

$$4.3 \text{ hours} \times 7.1 \text{ gallons/hour} = 30.5 \text{ Gallons}$$

**AIRSPED CALIBRATION**  
**NORMAL STATIC SOURCE**

FLAPS UP												
KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	
KCAS	49	55	62	70	80	89	99	108	118	128	138	
FLAPS 10°												
KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	85	---	---	---	---	---	
KCAS	49	55	62	71	80	85	---	---	---	---	---	
FLAPS 40°												
KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	85	---	---	---	---	---	
KCAS	47	54	62	71	81	86	---	---	---	---	---	

Figure 5-1. Airspeed Calibration (Sheet 1 of 2)

**AIRSPED CALIBRATION  
ALTERNATE STATIC SOURCE**

**HEATER/VENTS AND WINDOWS CLOSED**

FLAPS UP											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140
ALTERNATE KIAS	39	51	61	71	82	91	101	111	121	131	141
FLAPS 10°											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	85	---	---	---	---	---
ALTERNATE KIAS	40	51	61	71	81	85	---	---	---	---	---
FLAPS 40°											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	85	---	---	---	---	---
ALTERNATE KIAS	38	50	60	70	79	83	---	---	---	---	---

**HEATER/VENTS OPEN AND WINDOWS CLOSED**

FLAPS UP											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140
ALTERNATE KIAS	36	48	59	70	80	89	99	108	118	128	139
FLAPS 10°											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	85	---	---	---	---	---
ALTERNATE KIAS	38	49	59	69	79	84	---	---	---	---	---
FLAPS 40°											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	85	---	---	---	---	---
ALTERNATE KIAS	34	47	57	67	77	81	---	---	---	---	---

**WINDOWS OPEN**

FLAPS UP											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140
ALTERNATE KIAS	26	43	57	70	82	93	103	113	123	133	143
FLAPS 10°											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	85	---	---	---	---	---
ALTERNATE KIAS	25	43	57	69	80	85	---	---	---	---	---
FLAPS 40°											
NORMAL KIAS	40	50	60	70	80	85	---	---	---	---	---
ALTERNATE KIAS	25	41	54	67	78	84	---	---	---	---	---

Figure 5-1. Airspeed Calibration (Sheet 2 of 2)

### TEMPERATURE CONVERSION CHART

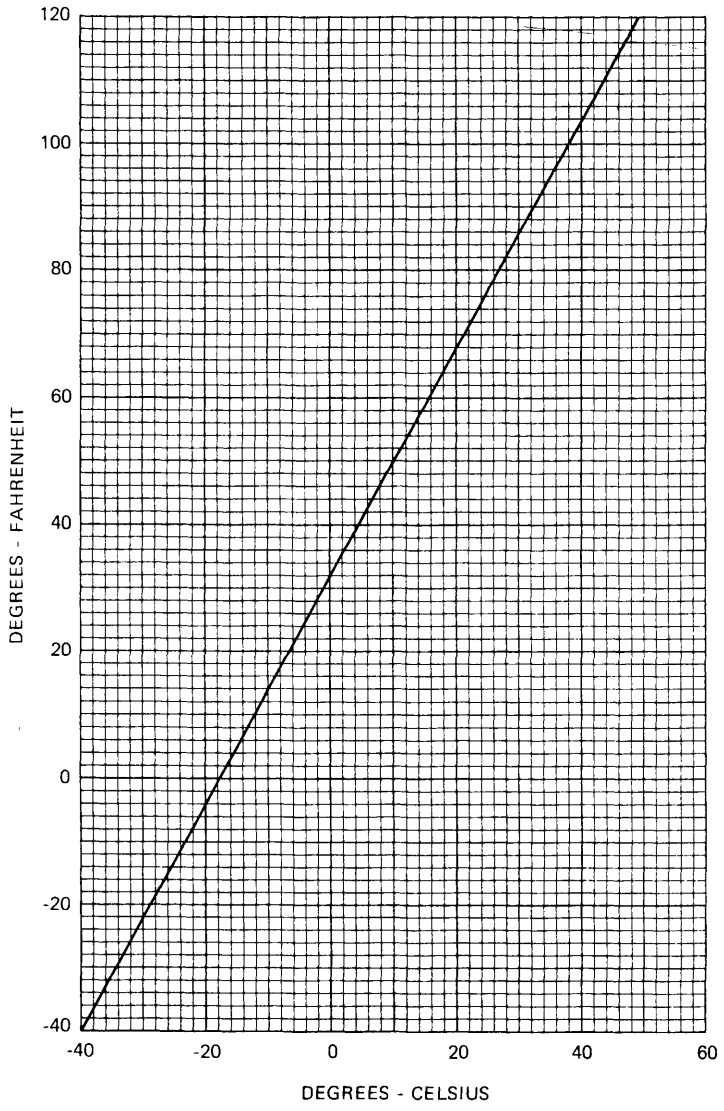


Figure 5-2. Temperature Conversion Chart



## STALL SPEEDS

CONDITIONS:  
Power Off

NOTES:

1. Maximum altitude loss during a stall recovery may be as much as 180 feet.
2. KIAS values are approximate.

### MOST REARWARD CENTER OF GRAVITY

WEIGHT LBS	FLAP DEFLECTION	ANGLE OF BANK							
		0°		30°		45°		60°	
		KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS
2300	UP	42	50	45	54	50	59	59	71
	10°	38	47	40	51	45	56	54	66
	40°	36	44	38	47	43	52	51	62

### MOST FORWARD CENTER OF GRAVITY

WEIGHT LBS	FLAP DEFLECTION	ANGLE OF BANK							
		0°		30°		45°		60°	
		KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS	KIAS	KCAS
2300	UP	47	53	51	57	56	63	66	75
	10°	44	51	47	55	52	61	62	72
	40°	41	47	44	51	49	56	58	66

Figure 5-3. Stall Speeds

# TAKEOFF DISTANCE

## MAXIMUM WEIGHT 2300 LBS

### SHORT FIELD

**CONDITIONS:**

Flaps Up  
 Full Throttle Prior to Brake Release  
 Paved, Level, Dry Runway  
 Zero Wind

**NOTES:**

1. Short field technique as specified in Section 4.
2. Prior to takeoff from fields above 3000 feet elevation, the mixture should be leaned to give maximum RPM in a full throttle, static runup.
3. Decrease distances 10% for each 9 knots headwind. For operation with tailwinds up to 10 knots, increase distances by 10% for each 2 knots.
4. For operation on a dry, grass runway, increase distances by 15% of the "ground roll" figure.

WEIGHT LBS	TAKEOFF SPEED KIAS		PRESS ALT FT	0°C		10°C		20°C		30°C		40°C	
	LIFT OFF	AT 50 FT		GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS
2300	52	59	S L.	720	1300	775	1390	835	1490	895	1590	960	1700
			1000	790	1420	850	1525	915	1630	980	1745	1050	1865
			2000	865	1555	930	1670	1000	1790	1075	1915	1155	2055
			3000	950	1710	1025	1835	1100	1970	1185	2115	1270	2265
			4000	1045	1880	1125	2025	1210	2175	1300	2335	1400	2510
			5000	1150	2075	1240	2240	1335	2410	1435	2595	1540	2795
			6000	1265	2305	1365	2485	1475	2680	1585	2895	1705	3125
			7000	1400	2565	1510	2770	1630	3000	1755	3245	1890	3515
			8000	1550	2870	1675	3110	1805	3375	1945	3670	2095	3990

Figure 5-4. Takeoff Distance (Sheet 1 of 2)

# TAKEOFF DISTANCE

## 2100 LBS AND 1900 LBS

### SHORT FIELD

REFER TO SHEET 1 FOR APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS AND NOTES.

WEIGHT LBS	TAKEOFF SPEED KIAS		PRESS ALT FT	0°C		10°C		20°C		30°C		40°C	
	LIFT OFF	AT 50 FT		GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS
2100	50	56	S.L.	585	1070	630	1140	680	1220	725	1300	780	1390
			1000	640	1165	690	1245	740	1330	795	1420	850	1520
			2000	700	1270	755	1360	810	1455	870	1555	935	1665
			3000	770	1390	830	1490	890	1595	955	1710	1025	1830
			4000	845	1525	910	1640	980	1755	1050	1880	1130	2015
			5000	930	1680	1000	1805	1075	1935	1155	2075	1240	2230
			6000	1025	1850	1100	1990	1185	2140	1275	2300	1370	2475
			7000	1130	2050	1215	2210	1310	2380	1410	2560	1515	2755
			8000	1245	2275	1345	2460	1450	2655	1560	2865	1680	3090
1900	47	54	S.L.	470	865	505	920	540	985	580	1045	620	1115
			1000	515	940	550	1005	590	1070	635	1140	680	1215
			2000	560	1025	605	1095	645	1170	695	1245	745	1330
			3000	615	1115	660	1195	710	1275	760	1365	815	1455
			4000	670	1220	725	1305	780	1400	835	1495	895	1595
			5000	740	1340	795	1435	855	1535	920	1640	985	1755
			6000	810	1470	875	1575	940	1690	1010	1810	1085	1940
			7000	895	1620	965	1740	1035	1865	1115	2000	1195	2145
			8000	985	1790	1065	1925	1145	2065	1230	2220	1320	2385

Figure 5-4. Takeoff Distance (Sheet 2 of 2)

## RATE OF CLIMB

MAXIMUM

**CONDITIONS:**

Flaps Up  
Full Throttle

**NOTE:**

Mixture leaned above 3000 feet for maximum RPM.

WEIGHT LBS	PRESS ALT FT	CLIMB SPEED KIAS	RATE OF CLIMB - FPM			
			-20°C	0°C	20°C	40°C
2300	S.L.	73	875	815	755	695
	2000	72	765	705	650	590
	4000	71	655	600	545	485
	6000	70	545	495	440	385
	8000	69	440	390	335	280
	10,000	68	335	285	230	---
	12,000	67	230	180	---	---

Figure 5-5. Rate of Climb

## TIME, FUEL, AND DISTANCE TO CLIMB

### MAXIMUM RATE OF CLIMB

**CONDITIONS:**

- Flaps Up
- Full Throttle
- Standard Temperature

**NOTES:**

1. Add 1.1 gallons of fuel for engine start, taxi and takeoff allowance.
2. Mixture leaned above 3000 feet for maximum RPM.
3. Increase time, fuel and distance by 10% for each 10°C above standard temperature.
4. Distances shown are based on zero wind.

WEIGHT LBS	PRESSURE ALTITUDE FT	TEMP °C	CLIMB SPEED KIAS	RATE OF CLIMB FPM	FROM SEA LEVEL		
					TIME MIN	FUEL USED GALLONS	DISTANCE NM
2300	S.L.	15	73	770	0	0.0	0
	1000	13	73	725	1	0.3	2
	2000	11	72	675	3	0.6	3
	3000	9	72	630	4	0.9	5
	4000	7	71	580	6	1.2	8
	5000	5	71	535	8	1.6	10
	6000	3	70	485	10	1.9	12
	7000	1	69	440	12	2.3	15
	8000	-1	69	390	15	2.7	19
	9000	-3	68	345	17	3.2	22
	10,000	-5	68	295	21	3.7	27
	11,000	-7	67	250	24	4.2	32
	12,000	-9	67	200	29	4.9	38

Figure 5-6. Time, Fuel, and Distance to Climb

**CRUISE PERFORMANCE**

CONDITIONS:  
2300 Pounds  
Recommended Lean Mixture

PRESSURE ALTITUDE FT	RPM	20°C BELOW STANDARD TEMP			STANDARD TEMPERATURE			20°C ABOVE STANDARD TEMP		
		% BHP	KTAS	GPH	% BHP	KTAS	GPH	% BHP	KTAS	GPH
2000	2500	---	---	---	75	116	8.4	71	115	7.9
	2400	72	111	8.0	67	111	7.5	63	110	7.1
	2300	64	106	7.1	60	105	6.7	56	105	6.3
	2200	56	101	6.3	53	100	6.1	50	99	5.8
	2100	50	95	5.8	47	94	5.6	45	93	5.4
4000	2550	---	---	---	75	118	8.4	71	118	7.9
	2500	76	116	8.5	71	115	8.0	67	115	7.5
	2400	68	111	7.6	64	110	7.1	60	109	6.7
	2300	60	105	6.8	57	105	6.4	54	104	6.1
	2200	54	100	6.1	51	99	5.9	48	98	5.7
	2100	48	94	5.6	46	93	5.5	44	92	5.3
6000	2600	---	---	---	75	120	8.4	71	120	7.9
	2500	72	116	8.1	67	115	7.6	64	114	7.1
	2400	64	110	7.2	60	109	6.8	57	109	6.4
	2300	57	105	6.5	54	104	6.2	52	103	5.9
	2200	51	99	5.9	49	98	5.7	47	97	5.5
	2100	46	93	5.5	44	92	5.4	42	91	5.2
8000	2650	---	---	---	75	122	8.4	71	122	7.9
	2600	76	120	8.6	71	120	8.0	67	119	7.5
	2500	68	115	7.7	64	114	7.2	60	113	6.8
	2400	61	110	6.9	58	109	6.5	55	108	6.2
	2300	55	104	6.2	52	103	6.0	50	102	5.8
	2200	49	98	5.7	47	97	5.5	45	96	5.4
	2100	43	91	5.2	41	90	5.1	40	89	5.0
10,000	2650	76	122	8.5	71	122	8.0	67	121	7.5
	2600	72	120	8.1	68	119	7.6	64	118	7.1
	2500	65	114	7.3	61	114	6.8	58	112	6.5
	2400	58	109	6.5	55	108	6.2	52	107	6.0
	2300	52	103	6.0	50	102	5.8	48	101	5.6
	2200	47	97	5.6	45	96	5.4	44	95	5.3
12,000	2600	68	119	7.7	64	118	7.2	61	117	6.8
	2500	62	114	6.9	58	113	6.5	55	111	6.2
	2400	56	108	6.3	53	107	6.0	51	106	5.8
	2300	50	102	5.8	48	101	5.6	46	100	5.5
	2200	46	96	5.5	44	95	5.4	43	94	5.3

Figure 5-7. Cruise Performance

**RANGE PROFILE**  
**45 MINUTES RESERVE**  
**40 GALLONS USABLE FUEL**

**CONDITIONS:**

2300 Pounds  
Recommended Lean Mixture for Cruise  
Standard Temperature  
Zero Wind

**NOTES:**

1. This chart allows for the fuel used for engine start, taxi, takeoff and climb, and the distance during climb as shown in figure 5-6.
2. Reserve fuel is based on 45 minutes at 45% BHP and is 4.1 gallons.

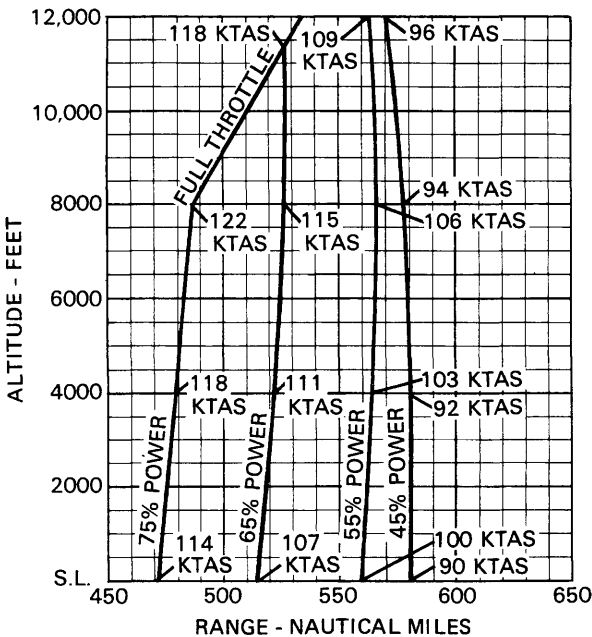


Figure 5-8. Range Profile (Sheet 1 of 2)

**RANGE PROFILE**  
**45 MINUTES RESERVE**  
**50 GALLONS USABLE FUEL**

CONDITIONS.

2300 Pounds  
Recommended Lean Mixture for Cruise  
Standard Temperature  
Zero Wind

NOTES.

1. This chart allows for the fuel used for engine start, taxi, takeoff and climb, and the distance during climb as shown in figure 5-6.
2. Reserve fuel is based on 45 minutes at 45% BHP and is 4.1 gallons.

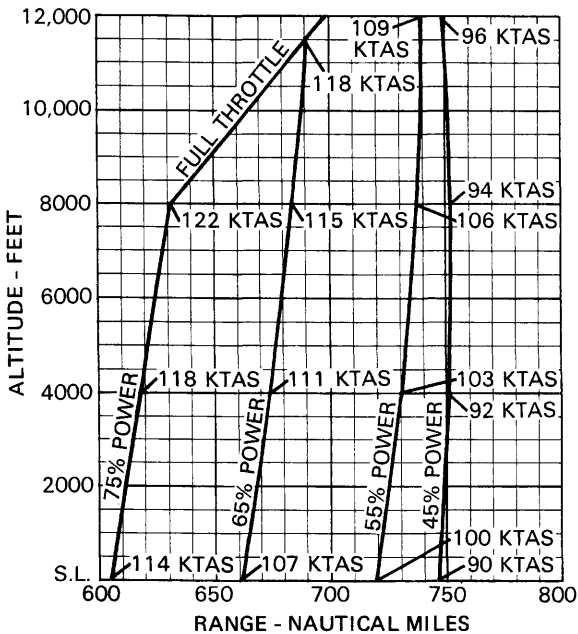


Figure 5-8. Range Profile (Sheet 2 of 2)



## ENDURANCE PROFILE 45 MINUTES RESERVE 40 GALLONS USABLE FUEL

CONDITIONS:  
2300 Pounds  
Recommended Lean Mixture for Cruise  
Standard Temperature

NOTES:

- 1 This chart allows for the fuel used for engine start, taxi, takeoff and climb, and the time during climb as shown in figure 5-6.
- 2 Reserve fuel is based on 45 minutes at 45% BHP and is 4.1 gallons.

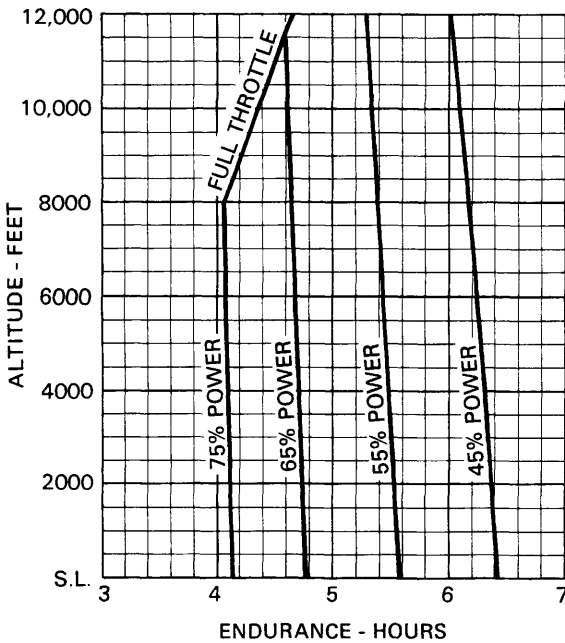


Figure 5-9. Endurance Profile (Sheet 1 of 2)

**ENDURANCE PROFILE**  
**45 MINUTES RESERVE**  
**50 GALLONS USABLE FUEL**

CONDITIONS:  
2300 Pounds  
Recommended Lean Mixture for Cruise  
Standard Temperature

- NOTES:
- 1 This chart allows for the fuel used for engine start, taxi, takeoff and climb, and the time during climb as shown in figure 5-6.
  - 2 Reserve fuel is based on 45 minutes at 45% BHP and is 4.1 gallons.

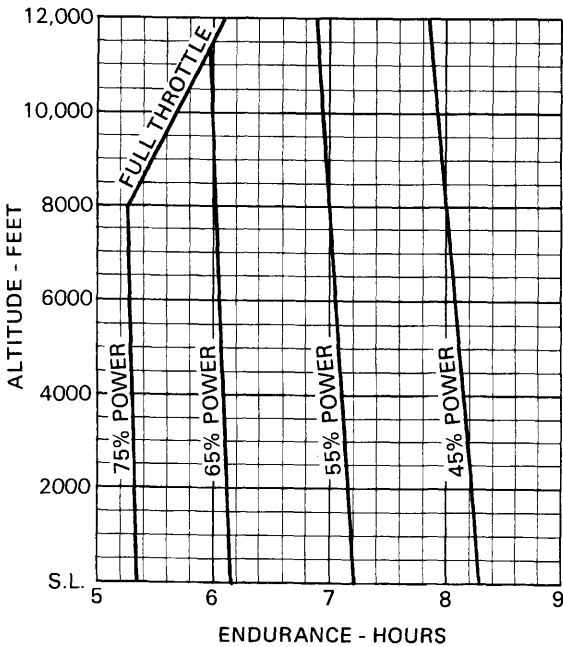


Figure 5-9. Endurance Profile (Sheet 2 of 2)

# LANDING DISTANCE

## SHORT FIELD

CONDITIONS:  
Flaps 40°  
Power Off  
Maximum Braking  
Paved, Level, Dry Runway  
Zero Wind

NOTES:

1. Short field technique as specified in Section 4.
2. Decrease distances 10% for each 9 knots headwind. For operation with tailwinds up to 10 knots, increase distances by 10% for each 2 knots
3. For operation on a dry, grass runway, increase distances by 45% of the "ground roll" figure.

WEIGHT LBS	SPEED AT 50 FT KIAS	PRESS ALT FT	0°C		10°C		20°C		30°C		40°C	
			GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS	GRND ROLL	TOTAL TO CLEAR 50 FT OBS
2300	60	S.L.	495	1205	510	1235	530	1265	550	1300	565	1330
		1000	510	1235	530	1265	550	1300	570	1335	590	1370
		2000	530	1265	550	1300	570	1335	590	1370	610	1405
		3000	550	1300	570	1335	590	1370	610	1405	630	1440
		4000	570	1335	590	1370	615	1410	635	1445	655	1480
		5000	590	1370	615	1415	635	1450	655	1485	680	1525
		6000	615	1415	640	1455	660	1490	685	1535	705	1570
		7000	640	1455	660	1495	685	1535	710	1575	730	1615
		8000	665	1500	690	1540	710	1580	735	1620	760	1665

Figure 5-10. Landing Distance